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POVERTY INITIATIVES PROJECTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved Rs.500 crore creditfor the Government of Andhra Pradesh for poverty initiatives project; and

(b) if so, the main objectives of the project and the number of families likely to be benefited therefrom and also the share of contribution of the State Government and the beneficiaries therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a): Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance have reported that the World Bank has approved a Credit of US $ 111 million for the Andhra Pradesh District Poverty Initiatives Project.

(b): Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance have also reported that the main objective of the project is to improve the opportunity for the rural poor to meet priority social and economic needs in the six poorest district of Andhra Pradesh viz. Adilabad, Mahabubnagar, Anantapur, Chittoor, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram. To achieve this, the project would

(I) help create self-managed grass-roots institutions;
(ii) build the capacity of established local institutions, especially the Gram Sabha/Panchayats and Govt. of Andhra Pradesh line departments, to operate in a more inclusive manner in addressing the needs of the poor,
(iii) support investment in sub-projects proposed by grass-roots institutions of the poor to accelerate their entry and expand their involvement in social and economic activities; and
(iv) improve access to education for girls to reduce the incidence of child labour among the poor.

About 620,000 poor families are expected to benefit directly from the project.

Out of the total project cost of US $ 134.8 million, the contribution of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and Beneficiaries Communities is expected by US $ 16.6 million and US $ 7.2 million, respectively.